

## FLAMES DESTROY RAILWAY STATION

Loss of \$50,000 Would Have Been Greater But for Bravery of Negro.

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Winston-Salem, N. C., January 3.—The passenger and freight station of the Southern Railway at North Wilkesboro was destroyed by fire early this morning, entailing a loss estimated at \$50,000, only partially covered by insurance.

The fire was discovered about 3:45 A. M., and in one hour the large wooden structure had been burned to the ground.

Besides the building, a large quantity of freight, both incoming and outgoing, collected during the holidays, and a number of trunks, were burned. Several barrels of oil were about the only things of any value saved from destruction.

George Wycker, colored brakeman on a freight train, was asleep in a caboose on the yard when the fire broke out, but was awakened by the alarm.

Getting up and going out in the yard, he discovered that the several loaded freight cars standing on the track at the station would be destroyed unless moved without delay.

The brakeman rushed to a passenger engine which was standing a few hundred yards away on another track. After uncoupling the engine from the passenger coaches he took charge of the throttle and ran the engine to the depot, which at that time was wrapped in flames.

The engine was attached to the freight cars, and in a few minutes were pulled to a place of safety. The colored man is being highly commended for his work and thoughtfulness.

Just how the fire started is not known.

### SOUTH BOSTON

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South Boston, Va., January 3.—The past week has been replete with gay festivities in accordance with the Yuletide season, and many socials and entertainments have been given, while the "home-coming" and mingling of friends, who have long been separated, has been a great feature, and a pleasure not soon forgotten.

On Monday evening Miss Helen Reeves was hostess at an enjoyable party. The color scheme was of pink and white, and the Reeves home was prettily decorated with cut flowers and candelabra. Miss Margaret Tuggle furnished music for the occasion. In the drawing contest the prize was borne away by Shepherd Johnson. Those present were Elizabeth Jordan, Margaret Lovelace, Margaret Tuggle, Elizabeth Penick, Elizabeth Baker, Elizabeth Clarke, Mary Haskins, Mary Presgrave, Flora Wright, Elsie Glenn, Mary Norwood, Olivia Hardy, Evelyn Coleman, Malcolm Dunn, Harmon Bass, Shepherd Johnson, Taylor Collins, R. H. Dowdy, Edwin Tucker, Hugh H. H. Dowdy, William Evans and Walton Presgrave. R. Hunter Bentley entertained his adult Bible Sunday school class at his home on Monday evening. After dinner he served several short talks were delivered with a number of those present, and the occasion proved a delightful one. The class

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presented him with a purse as a Christmas gift. He aided in organizing the Sunday school in 1890, and since that time has been a teacher in the Sunday school. The Royal Arch Chapter of Masons gave a banquet to its members in the lodge-rooms on Monday evening, at which time many interesting addresses were delivered. Miss Annie Wallace Noel, Misses Mabel and Lynwood Pollok, of Danville, are guests of Miss Elizabeth Johnson.

Miss Clara Thompson, of near Altaville, is visiting her brother, J. V. Thompson, on Upper Main.

Miss Lillian Fox, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Bernard Shepherd, returned to Waynesboro, accompanied by Mrs. Shepherd.

Among those who spent the holidays in South Boston, in addition to those mentioned last week, are: Mr. and Mrs. George Garrett, of Danville; Mr. and Mrs. Arch Glen, of Winston-Salem; Miss Mary Patton, of Birmingham, N. Y.; Miss Mary Coleman, of Detroit; C. J. Jeffers, of Florence, Bennett, of Worcester, Mass.; Dr. Jack Coleman, of Newport News; Robert Johnson, of Clarksville; Mr. and Mrs. John Noblin, of Gretna; Flem Norman, of High Point; W. A. Gray, of Chatham; Miss Bessie McGuire, of Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. Julian East, of Roanoke; Miss Elsie Walcott, of Brookfield.

Mrs. G. J. Hunt left this week for Salisbury, N. C., to visit relatives.

Miss Evelyn Coleman left a few days ago for Chatham to enter school.

Miss Sallie Williams spent the holidays with home folks in Floydton.

Mrs. C. T. Joyce is visiting relatives in

Greensboro, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Terry have returned from a trip to Richmond.

Wallace L. Gravelly returned a few days ago from a visit to friends in Danville.

Winnam, N. C., returned from a visit to friends in Danville.

Dr. and Mrs. George A. Glover have returned from a visit to relatives and friends in Milton.

### BLACKSTONE

Blackstone, Va., January 2.—Dr. W. O. Hoskins, of South Boston, is visiting friends.

Willie Epps, of California, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Nannie Epps, at her home in Blackstone.

Robert Scott, of Richmond, has accepted a position with the Farmers' Guaranty Company here.

Mr. Herbert Nebel, of Richmond, is here with relatives and friends.

Mrs. B. H. Hite and son were visitors at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. D. Maun, several days this week.

The German Club held its first business meeting on Monday night.

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Charge Against New York Buyers Made by Governor of Porto Rico.

Washington, January 3.—Governor Yager, of Porto Rico, has appealed to the Department of Justice to break up a combination of sugar buyers in New York, which, he declares, plans to reduce the price paid to Porto Rican sugar planters.

Porto Rican sugar comes into the United States duty free. Cuban sugar, competing with Porto Rican, pays duty according to grade. On March 1, the duty on Cuban sugars, under a provision in the new tariff act, will be reduced on standard grades about 28 cents per 100 pounds. Prices for Porto Rican sugar have been based largely on the Cuban duty, and Governor Yager says that instead of waiting until March 1, New York buyers have announced they will pay prices for the Porto Rican article based on the lower Cuban duty, beginning February 1.

Although no decision has been reached, it is not probable that the department will prosecute the buyers. A combination to raise the price to the consumer in the United States would be without the law, in the opinion of department lawyers, but where prices are lowered because of competition elsewhere, there is little chance for antitrust action.

### FREELING

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Freeling, Va., January 3.—George W. Grizzle, of Darwin, is visiting relatives near

Freeling. Mrs. Laura Killen, of Osborn's Gap, is visiting Mrs. Milled McCall.

Henry Vanover was visiting friends at Osborn's Gap during the week.

Reuben D. McCall is visiting his son, T. P. McCall, of Mecklenburg, Ky.

Cedric S. Beverly is at home.

William McCall, of Osborn's Gap, is a visitor at Freeling.

William M. Beverly, of Baden, is visiting friends at Freeling.

Miss Grace Grizzle, of Darwin, is in town.

Mrs. Nan McCall is visiting her nephew, William Killen, of Osborn's Gap.

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Entertainment Announced.

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Movement Believed to Be Directed Toward President of Shaw University.

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Raleigh, N. C., January 3.—Dr. Charles F. Maserve, president of Shaw University for negroes, arrived this morning and entered upon the fight to force the rebellious male students back in line after their refusal last evening to go on with recitations, their conduct being a protest against alleged wrong treatment by Dr. Maserve's order.

He called together the university council, met at 7 o'clock of the afternoon was spent in conference with the faculty on the part of Dr. Maserve to maintain the strict discipline which had characterized the university in the past. The situation is generally believed to be development of a concerted action on the part of a number of the more prominent negroes here and elsewhere, alumni and others, to bring about the retirement of Dr. Maserve as president and install a member of their own race or color. Dr. Maserve has been at the head of the university for many years, and he has won the respect and confidence of the people generally. He has made of the university a well-behaved and orderly institution. This outbreak is a disturbance of any sort worthy of mention.

Will Not Alter Proposed Plans of Trust Inquiry

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change and reforms in the clearing-house.

Whether Mr. Morgan will decide to withdraw from the directorate of the United States Railway Commission was the subject of a great deal of speculation to-day. The general opinion was that, as the so-called trust was the greatest of the Morgan creations and the crowning achievement of his financial career, his son will consider it his duty to remain identified with it in an active way, especially until the government suit has been decided one way or the other.

However, the Morgan firm was no less actively identified with the financial development of the New York Central Railroad lines, for which Mr. Morgan was the banking sponsor throughout the greater part of his career.

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